(b) whether Government propose to exploit this potential and provide power to States which are in need of electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHI-LA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir. The bulk of the unexploited hydro-electric potential is located in Jammu and Kashmir. Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh, where the demand itself is not very high.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Oil produced in India

738. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI BHUBANESHWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of India's domestic requirement is met by oil produced in India;

(b) what was the quantity of oil imported from other countries and the amount paid in foreign exchange during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to wards achieving self-sufficiency in petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHI-LA ROHATGI): (a) About 69 per cent at present.

(b) The details are as under:— 808

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Year	Net import of crude oil ('000 Tonnes)	Value Rs. Crores (Equivalent of foreign exchange)
1983-84	10445	2309·95
1984-85	7164	1867·18
1985-86 (Provisional)	14615	3551·69

(c) Some of the steps are:—

fi) Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

(ii) Intensification of work over operations.

(iii) Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

(iv) Induction of advanced technology.

(v) Conservation measures aimed to curb consumption

Licence^ to private sector for setting up electric plants

739. -SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of licences given to the private sector for the setting up of electricity generating plants in 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 and with what results; and

Ob) which are the States in which such licences were given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATT SUSHI-. LA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) No new licences were issued to private sector organisations for setting up power generation units in utilities! during 1981-82 to 1984-8S. However, a proposal from Gujarat to set up a US

MW replacement unit was approved in 1981-82, and a proposal from Maharashtra for installation of a 500 MW unit to replace old units was approved in 1984-85. The unit in Gujarat has been commissioned whil$_e$ the "nit in Maharashtra is under installation.

Invitation to Indian engineers working in the oil sector at Houston

740. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some 500 Indian engineers working in the oil sector at Houston, the hub of the US oil industry, have been invited by the Government of India to participate in off-shore oil exploration in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what hag been their response to the said invitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Performance of ONGC

741. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will th» Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a),[1] whether Government's attention ha$_s$ been draw$_n$ to $_a$ news-item which appeared in the Indian Express of the 30th May, 1986 t_0 the effect that Government's review of the performance of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has revealed shortfall in the utilisation of Plan outlay for exploratory and development drilling during the first year of the Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details *in* this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATT SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as follows:

Item	Budget Estimates	Actuals
(i) Plan Outlay (Rs./crores)	2250	2103
(i i) Exploratory Drilling (thousand metres) .	351·0	294·5
(iii) Development Drilling (thousand metres) .	370·9	295·6
(iv) Crude production (million tonnes) .	27·11	27·51

(c) Some of the steps taken are:

(i) Closer monitoring of supplies by Indian Public Sector Companies.

(ii) Efforts for expediting investment approvals.

(iii) Scrutiny of drilling practices for increased productivity.